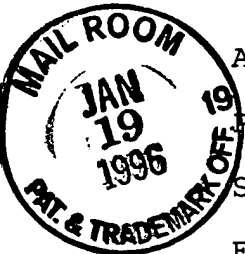


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Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form is known by or has come to the attention of the Applicants and is being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each listed reference is included herewith.

Patent No.:	4,097,729
Issued:	June 27, 1978
Inventors:	Lawrence Seligman et al.
Title:	Scanning System and Method

Patent No.:	4,652,732
Issued:	March 24, 1987
Inventors:	Franklyn Nickl
Title:	Low-Profile Bar Code Scanner

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Issued: December 15, 1987
Inventors: Carl Knowles
Title: Compact Omnidirectional Laser
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Patent No.: 4,861,973
Issued: August 29, 1989
Inventors: Ronald Hellekson et al.
Title: Optical Scan Pattern Generating
Arrangement for a Laser Scanner

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Issued: October 2, 1990
Inventors: Carl Knowles
Title: Compact Omnidirectional Laser
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Inventors: Charles Lapinski et al.
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Patent No.: 5,132,524
Issued: July 21, 1992
Inventors: Ishwar Singh et al.
Title: Multi Directional Laser Scanner

Patent No.: 5,206,491
Issued: April 27, 1993
Inventors: Hiroaki Katoh et al.
Title: Plural Beam, Plural Window Multi-
Direction Bar Code Reading Device

Patent No.: 5,229,588
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Inventors: Paul Detwiler et al.
Title: Dual Aperture Optical Scanner

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from the references. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or they contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Respectfully submitted,

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